

**Increasing Public Awareness Of District Of Columbia Laws Governing
Mopeds and Motor Scooters**

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Recommendation	Status
<p>The District, through DMV and with input from MPD, other interested District agencies, and community stakeholders, should consider developing an informational brochure that, as simply as possible, explains the differences between, and requirements for, motorcycles and motorized bicycles. The brochure should highlight and emphasize that motor scooters capable of speeds higher than thirty-five miles per hour are considered motorcycles under District law, regardless of the vehicle's appearance or its designation by the manufacturer as a "moped" or "motor scooter." The brochure should also make clear that those mopeds and motor scooters classified as motorized bicycles under D.C. law are still subject to registration, insurance, and inspection requirements.</p>	<p>Pending. DMV reports that staff cuts limited the agency's brochure production capacity to copying existing information and, therefore, the recommended and updated brochure was placed on hold. DMV anticipates having the eliminated position restored and being able to produce the suggested brochure.</p> <p>Although MPD reports having developed a flyer and a poster in the spring of 2009 (prior to the issuance of PCB's policy recommendation), consistent with PCB's recommendation, PCB still hopes that MPD will provide input as DMV develops the suggested brochure.</p>
<p>DMV should make copies of the brochure available for general distribution at each of its service locations and should supply the brochure to anyone who seeks to register a moped or motor scooter in the District.</p>	<p>Pending. DMV committed to make the recommended brochure available in DMV service centers once the production capacity has been restored.</p>